

ert W. Esmond racy-Gene G. Durkin Michele A. Cimbala Michael B. Ray Robert E. Sokohl Eric K. Steffe Michael Q. Lee Steven R. Ludwig John M. Covert Lawrence B. Bugaisky Donald J. Featherston Michael V. Messinger

Judith U. Kim Timothy J. Shea, Jr. Patrick E. Garrett Heidi L. Kraus Edward W. Yee Albert L. Ferro* Donald R. Banowit Peter A. Jackman Molly A. McCall Teresa U. Medler Jeffrey S. Weaver Kendrick P. Patterson Vincent L. Capuano Eldora Ellison Floyd Thomas C Fiala Brian J. Del Buono Virgil Lee Beaston* Kimberly N. Reddick

Theodore A. Wood Elizabeth J. Haanes Bruce E. Chalker Joseph S. Ostroff Frank R. Cottingham Christine M. Lhulier Rae Lynn Prengaman Jane Shershenovich* Lawrence J. Carroll* George S. Bardmesser Daniel A. Klein* Rodney G. Maze Jason D. Eisenberg Michael D. Snecht

John J. Figueroa Ann E. Summerfield Registered Patent Agents Nancy J. Leith Helene C. Carlson

Gaby L. Longsworth Matthew J. Dowd Aaron L. Schwartz Mary B. Tung Katrina Y. Pei Bryan L. Skelton Robert A. Schwartzman Timothy A. Doyle Jennifer R. Mahalingappa

Jeffrey S. Lundgren Victoria S. Rutherford Eric D. Hayes

<u>Of Counsel</u> Kenneth C. Bass III Evan R. Smith

Admitted only in Maryland Admitted only in Virginia Practice Limited to Federal Agencies

August 12, 2003

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (202) 772-8589 **INTERNET ADDRESS:** LARRYB@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Art Unit To Be Assigned

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 10/602,045; Filed: June 24, 2003

For: Molecular Detection Systems Utilizing Reiterative Oligonucleotide Synthesis

Inventors:

Michelle M. Hanna

Our Ref:

2072.0010003/LBB/SJE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet citing 4 documents); and
- 3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

anne B. Buguik

Lawrence B. Bugaisky Attorney for Applicant

Registration No. 35,086

LBB/SJE/lam Enclosures

::ODMA\MHODMA\SKGF DC1;165641;1

Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox P.L.L.C.: 1100 New York Avenue, NW: Washington, DC 20005: 202.371.2600 f 202.371.2540: www.skgf.com